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Two Old-Babylonian Tablets: edited, with a note, by R. J. Lau, Columbia University, New York City.

In 1895, Columbia University acquired some 400-500 tablets, among them a number coming evidently from the find made at Telloh by E. de Sarzec in 1894, and of historical value because of the dates in their colophons: see Hilprecht, OBI I pt. 2, p. 30; also Scheil, Recueil des travaux, etc., XVII. 38; and Thureau-Dangin Revue Sémitique, V. 72, Revue d'Assyriologie, III. 142 ff.

The tablets here given are pay-lists for the temple-workmen, but with the spaces for the wages left blank; and the spaces have for some reason never been filled in, except in No. 2, col. III., where 10 ka of grain are entered against the names of Ur-Nin-mar-ki (l. 1) and Ur-Bau (l. 3). No. 1 is dated the 10th, and No. 2 the 12th of the month Isin-Dumuzi. No. 1 is of baked gray clay, 64×101 mm. in size. No. 2, barring its injuries, is similar. In contents, the tablets are practically identical: but cf. No. 1, II. 183 with No. 2, II. 183; No. 1, II. 7 with No. 2, II. 7; No. 1, IV. 14 with No. 2, IV. 8. No. 1, III. 12 and No. 1, IV. 11 are omitted on No. 2.

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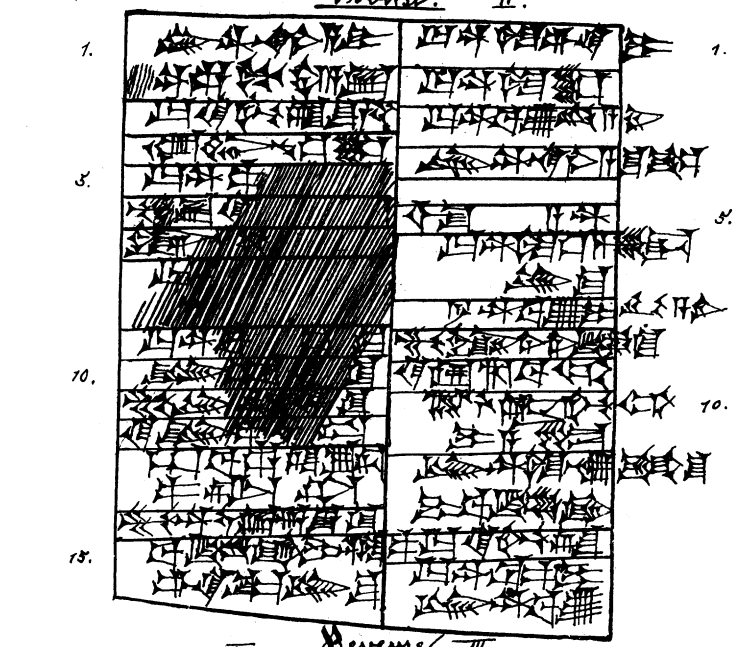

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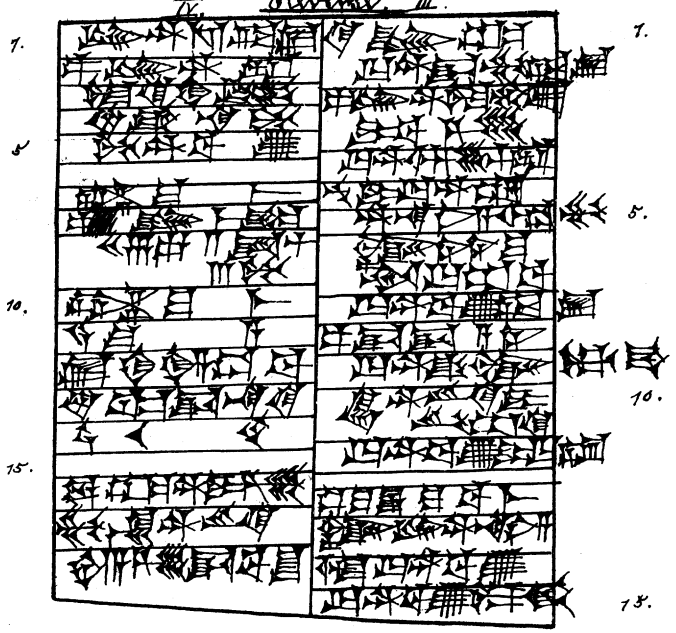

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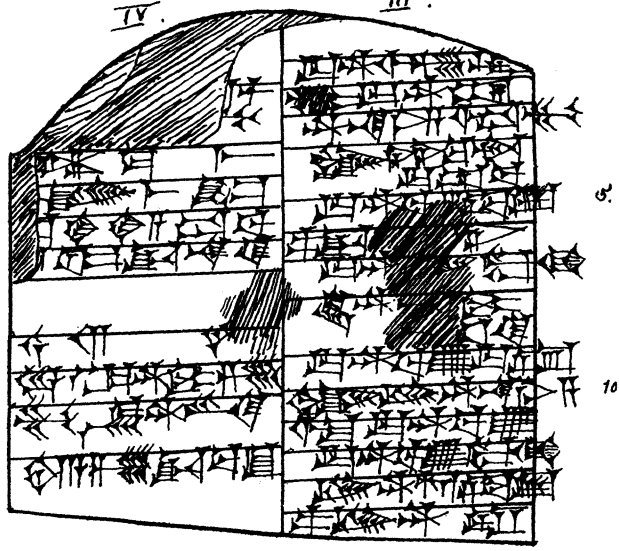
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